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FOWEY PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

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M. O. H's REPORT

FOR

YEAR 1957.

F O W E Y .
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Sir,

I have the honour to submit my Report as M.O.H. of the Fowey Port Health Authority for the year 1957.

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING INSPECTED DURING YEAR.

T A B L E 'B'

Arrivals from	Number	Tonnage	No.inspected by M.O.H.	No.inspected by Sany. Inspr.	No.reported as having or having had infectious disease on board.
FOREIGN					
Steam	11	17,891	-	11	-
Motor	315	88,787	-	315	-
	326	106,678	-	326	-
COASTWISE					
Steam	46	44,633	-	46	-
Motor	1107	288,269	-	1107	
	1153	332,902	-	1153	
TOTAL	1,479	439,580	-	1,479	

Of these ships 536 were inspected at Fowey (and Looe) and 943 at "Other Harbours" (viz Par and Charlestown).

Tonnage of Fowey shipping ---------- 240,867

" " "Other Harbours" ---------- 198,713

As compared with the totals for 1956 there is shown a decrease of 30 vessels, but an increase in tonnage of 2,110 tons.

The combined tonnage of china-clay shipped throughout the year was just under the million tons.

The floating population of ships inspected was 14,425 made up as follows :-

	Members of crews	14,339
Passengers	(remaining on board)	49
"	(landing)	2
"	(embarking)	35
		14,425

Passengers landing :- 2, from Rotterdam

" embarking 35, in all

4 to U.S.A and Canada on four occasions

21 to Mediterranean Ports on four occasions

6 to Baltic Ports on two occasions

4 to Holland on two occasions.

Crews 'Paid Off' or 'Signed On' :- None.

INFECTIOUS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

There were no cases of notifiable disease occurring in vessels frequenting the Port during the year. There were, however, a few cases of the then prevalent 'Asian' influenza during the early part of the year, but they were all mild in character and did not require hospitalisation.

Re-vaccinations to the number of 55 were performed in the case of seamen proceeding to U.S.A. or Canada who were not in possession of valid International Certificates.

RODENT DESTRUCTION.

From ships :- 14 Black rats were recovered.

" Harbour installations :- 21 at Par and 8 at Fowey.

In both instances the method of choice for baiting was Warfarin .025%.

It would appear from the inspections made that the control over the Harbour installations has been well maintained.

PUBLIC HEALTH (Ships) REGULATIONS . 1952.

No deratting Certificates were issued during the year. The total number of Deratting Exemption Certificates called for was 82.

Classification of Certificates issued during 1957.

Net tonnage	No. of ships inspected	No of deratting Certs. issued	No. of Deratg. EXEMP. Certs. issued	TOTAL
Up to 300	1,082	-	60	60
300 - 1,000	353	-	22	22
1,001 - 3,000	39	-	-	-
3,001 - 10,000	5	-	-	-
	1,479	-	82	82

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There were no cases of notifiable [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

NOTICES SERVED.

During the year 41 Informal Notices were served calling attention to various minor structural and/or sanitary defects. As far as possible these defects were remedied during the ship's stay in port; if not, the owners were informed.

DISINFESTATION.

This was carried out in 5 instances for the elimination of cock--roaches. 'Lindane' and 'Dieldrin' generators were used for this purpose and appear to have had satisfactory results.

"OTHER HARBOURS".

On Sept 4 a letter was received by this Authority from the Trustees of Mevagissey Harbour "drawing attention to the dirty state of the harbour at Mevagissey through discharge of sewage" ; and suggesting "that a sample of water should be sent for test". The question of the state of Mevagissey Harbour has been well-known to this Authority for many years, and, almost perennially, representations on the matter have been made to the St.Austell U.D.C.

It is quite clear that, unless and until there is a proper scheme for the disposal of sewage at Mevagissey, the water of the harbour must inevitably be heavily polluted and an analysis of the water under present conditions would be a waste of time. The Trustees have been informed to this effect.

It is understood that a scheme for efficient disposal of sewage at Mevagissey will be inaugurated before very long, and, when this is done, a nuisance of very long standing will be removed.

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PUBLIC HEALTH (Shell-fish) REGULATIONS '34 - '38.

The oyster-beds in Fowey River continue to be operated by Fowey Shell-fisheries Ltd. I have recently inspected the installations for purifications and am satisfied that they are working properly and being efficiently maintained.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

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